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In response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2004, Applicant withdraws the Notice for Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, previously filed on June 4, 2004 and instead files this Response Including Amendment. A three-month extension of time has been included herewith.

Amendments to the Claims consisting of three (3) pages and comprising a complete listing of the claims is attached beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks consisting of nine (9) pages begin at page 5 of this paper.

Appendix A consisting of three (3) pages and supporting Applicant's assertions in this paper is attached beginning at page 14.

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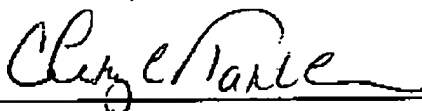
Dear Sir:

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I hereby certify that this Amendment and Petition for Extension of Time in the above-identified patent application, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being transmitted to telefax number 703-872-9306.

Date: September 3, 2004

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